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record of their marriages remaining, the uniform tradition among their descendants is that they were sisters, and aunts of Mrs. William Madison. Probably they were twice married. There is recorded in Culpeper a deed, dated 1771, from Robert Throckmorton and Lucy, his wife, and James Barbour and Frances, his wife.

Since the last instalment of this account was prepared, there has been found in an old volume in the State land office, an entry recording that Gabriel Throckmorton appeared before Frederick County Court in 1780, and proved his service in the French and Indian War, and in the same year a warrant was issued to him by State for "military service performed as a captain in the late war between Great Britain and France," and similar (or duplicate) warrants for his services in the same war as a subaltern in Byrd's regiment, and a captain in Peachey's. He was probably the same as, 8, Gabriel Throckmorton, born August 16, 1735.

The arms on the emblazoning noticed in the last number are as follows: Quarterly of siven: 1, Gules, a chevron arg. three bars gemelles sable, a crescent for difference (*Throckmorton*); 2, Gu. a fesse crenellé or (*Aberbury*); 3, Arg. on a fess crenellé between six crosslets fitché gu. three crescents of the field (*Olney*); 4, Sa. a chevron arg. between three crescents or (*De la Spine*); 5, Arg. on a fesse crenellé between six crosslets pottée fitché gu. three plates (*Olney*); 6, Gu. three bird bolts arg. (*Bosan*); 7, Gu. a fesse or between six Gotée d'or (*Wyke*). Crest: A falcon rising arg. belled or, charged on the breast with a crescent, for difference. Motto: "Virtus Sola Nobilitat." The only variation between these arms and those given in the Visitation of Huntingdonshire, is in the first quartering—the crescent for difference, second son.

GRACE SHERWOOD, THE VIRGINIA WITCH.

COMMUNICATED BY EDWARD W. JAMES.

[Continued from pages 96 and 190.]

May 2nd 1706

"Whereas a former Compl^t was brought ag^t Grace Sherwood for Suspicion of Witchcraft w^{ch} by y^e Attorney Gen^l Report¹ to his Ex^{ty} in Councill was to Generall & not Charging her with any particular Act therefore represented to y^{my} Princess Ann Court might if they thought fitt have her examined Deltovo & y^e Court Being of

Oppinion y^t there is great Cause of Suspicion Doe therefore ord^r y^e y^e: Sherr take y^e Said Grace into his Safe Costody untill She Shall give bond & Security for her appearance to y^e next Court to be examined Denovo & y^t y^e Constable of y^t p^rckint go with y^e Sherr & Serch y^e Sd graces House & all Suspicious places Carfully for all Images & Such like things as may any way Strengthen the Suspicion & it is likewise Ordered y^t y^e Sherr Som an Able Jury of Women also all Evidences as Cann give in anything ag^t her in Evidance in behalf of our Sovereign Lady y^e Queen To Attend y^e next Court Accordingly”

June 6th 1706

“Whereas Grace Sherwood of y^e County have been Complained of as a pson Suspected of Witchcraft & now being Brought before this Court in ord^r for examinacon y^e Court have therefore requested m^r Maxmⁿ Boush to p^rsent Informacon ag^t her as Councill in behalf of our Sovereign Lady y^e Queen in order to her being brought to a regular Tryall”

“Whereas an Informacon in Behalf of her Mag^{ty} was presented by Luke Hill to y^e Court in pursuance To M^r Gen^l Att^{ys} Tomson report on his Excell^{ty} ord in Councill y^e 16th Aprill Last About Grace Sherwood being Suspected of Witchcraft have thereupon Sworn Severall Evidences ag^t her by w^{ch} it Doth very likely appear”

June 7th 1706

“Whereas at y^e Last Court as ord^r was past y^t y^e Sherr should Sommons an able Jury of Women to Serch Grace Sherwood on Suspicion of witchcraft w^{ch} although y^e Same was performed by y^e Sherr yet they refused And did not appear it is therefore ord^r y^t y^e Same persons be again Som^d by y^e Sherr for their Contempt To be Dealt wth according to y^e uttmost Severity of y^e Law, & y^t a new Jury of women be by him Som^d To appear next Court to Serch her on y^e aforesaid Suspicion & y^t he likewise Som all evidences y^t he Shall Be informed of as materiall in y^e Complaint & y^t She continue in y^e Sherr Costody unless She give good bond And Security for her Appearance at y^e next Court & y^t She be of y^e Good behaviour towards her Majestie & all her Leidge people in y^e mean time”

Princess Ann

At a Court held y^e 5th July anno Dom 1706 p^rsent M^r Jn^o Richa-
son, Cap^{tn} Jn^o Moseley Cap^{tn} Henry Chapman Cap^{tn} W^m Smyth
Justices

“Whereas for this Severall Courts y^e Business between luke hill

& Grace Sherwood on Suspicion of witchcraft have Been for Several things omitted perticularly for want of a Jury to Serch her & y^e Court being Doubtfull That they Should not get one y^e Court & being willing to have all means possible tryed either to acquit her or to Give more Strength to y^e Suspicion y^t She might be Dealt wth as Deserved therefore it was Ordrd y^t y^e Day by her own Consent to be tried in y^e water by Ducking but y^e weather being very Rainy & Bad Soe y^t possibly it might endanger her health it is therefore ordrd y^t y^e Sherr request y^e Justices p^cisely to appear on wednesdav next by tenn of y^e clock at y^e Court house & y^t he Secure ye body of y^e Sd Grace till y^e time to be forth Coming yⁿ to be Dealt wth as afore sd"

July 10th 1706

"Whereas Grace Sherwood being Suspected of witchcraft have a long time waited for a fitt uppertunity ffor a ffurther Examinacon & by her Consent & approbacon of y^e Court it is ord^r y^t y^e Sherr take all Such Convenient assistance of boate & men as Shall be by him thought ffit to meet at Jn^o Harpers plantacon in ord^r to take y^r Sd Grace forthwith & put her into above mans Debth & try her how She Swims Therein alwayes having Care of her life to p^rserve her from Drowning & as Soon as She Comes Out y^t he requests as many Ansient & Knowing woman as possible he Cann to Serch her Carefully ffor all teats spotts & marks about her body not usuall in Others & y^t as they ffind y^e Same to make report on Oath To y^e truth thereof to y^e Court & further it is ord^r y^t Som women be requested to Shift & Serch her before She goe into y^e water y^t She Carry nothing about her to cause any ffurther Suspicion"

NOTES.

(BY THE EDITOR.)

As appears from the previous number (p. 192) a jury of women examined Grace Sherwood 7th March 170⁵/₆, and found certain indications of a witch upon her person. But the court did not know what course to take upon this report, and so a stop was put to the proceedings. Thereupon, Luke Hill brought the matter before the Virginia council, and according to the council books the following action was taken :

"At a council held at her Maj^{ties} Royall Capitol the 28th day of March, 1706 :

Luke Hill by his petition informing this Board that one Grace Sherwood of Princess Anne County being suspected of witchcraft upon his complaint to that county court that she had bewitched y^e petitioners wife, the court ordered

a jury of women to serch y^e said Grace Sherwood who upon search brought in a verdict ag^t y^e said Grace, but y^e court not knowing how to proceed to judgment thereon, the petitioner prays that y^e attorney Gen^l may be directed to prosecute y^e said Grace for y^e same.

Ord^{ed} y^e s^t peticon be referred to M^r Attorney Gen^l to consider & report his opinion to his Excelley & y^e council on y^e first day of y^e next Gen^l court."

"April y 16th 1706

Present : His Excellency,

Edmund Jennings, Benj^a Harrison, Philip Ludwell,

Jn^o Lightfoot, Jn^o Custis, Wm Basset,

Dudley Digges, M^r Com^r Blair, Henry Duke.

W^m Churchill : Esq^{rs}

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post meridiem : present as before except Philip Ludwell Esq^r.

M^r Attorney Gen^l haveing in persuance of an order of this Board reported his opinion of Luke Hill against Grace Sherwood as being suspected of witchcraft in y following words to-wit : viz Upon perusal of y^e above order of this hon^{ble} Board I doe conceive & am of the opinion that y^e charge or accusation *is too general* that the county court ought to make a further Examinacon of the matters of fact & to have proceeded therein pursuant to the directions & powers of County Courts given by a late act of Assembly in criminal cases made & provided & if they thought there was sufficient cause to have (according to that Law) committed her to y Gen^l prison of this Colony whereby it would have come regularly before the Gen^l Court and whereupon I should have prepared a bill for y^e Grand jury & if they had found it I should have prosecuted it. I therefore with humble submission offer & conceive it proper that y s^t County Court do make a further Enquiry into the matter, and if they are of opinion there be cause they act according to the above said Law and I shall be ready to present a Bill and if found proceed thereon

Ordered that a copy of y said Report be sent to y court of Princess Anne County for their direction in y^e premises."

The council book has never been quoted in connection with this subject before, and it shows that the published account of the opinion of the Attorney General, Stevens Thompson, in the calender of State Papers (vol I., p. 100), is defective in omitting the words in *italics*. After this order, referring the whole subject back to the County Court, the proceedings reported in the text took place.

[To be Continued.]

THE LISTERS OF VIRGINIA.¹

COMMUNICATED BY EDWARD W. JAMES.

Thomas Lister,² 5th son of James Lister, of Shibden Hall, settled

¹ Arms: Ermine, on a fess sable three mullets or, a canton gules.

Crest: A stag's head erased proper, charged with trefoil slipped gules.

² Had a brother, William, baptized April 3, 1712, settled in Virginia, married Susanna Lewes 1738; had two daughters; died October 21, 1743.